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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A program similarity detecting device comprising:

a receiver adapted to receive an input stream of television program content and electronic program guide data, and adapted to separate the electronic program guide data from the input stream, wherein the program guide data includes a plurality of attributes characterizing television programs within the television program content;

a memory coupled to the receiver and adapted to store the electronic program guide data;

a controller coupled to the memory; and

a display coupled to the controller;

wherein the controller is programmed to compare a first set of attributes relating to at least one television program within the television program content to a second set of attributes relating to a second television program within the television program content to calculate a similarity score for the second television program based on a weighted combination of at least two attributes from the second set of attributes, and wherein the controller is programmed to cause the display to generate a first display indicating the second television based on the similarity score.

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2. (currently amended)The device of claim 1, wherein the controller is programmed to cause the display to generate a second display including an explanation describing the similarity score.

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3. (currently amended)The device of claim 2, wherein the explanation includes a

textual description of the attributes used by the controller when calculating the similarity

score.

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4. (currently amended)The device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of attributes

characterizing television programs within the television program content include category

information and wherein the controller is programmed to compare category information

associated with the first television program to category information associated with the

second television program to calculate the c similarity score.

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5. (currently amended)The device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of attributes

characterizing television programs within the television program content include keywords

and phrases and wherein the controller is programmed to compare keywords and phrases

associated with the first television program to keywords and phrases associated with the

second television program to calculate the similarity score.

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6. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of attributes characterizing television programs within the television program content include series information and wherein the controller is programmed to compare series information associated with the first television program to series information associated with the second television program to calculate the similarity score.

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7. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of attributes characterizing television programs within the television program content include group information and wherein the controller is programmed to compare group information associated with the first television program to group information associated with the second television program to calculate the similarity score.

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8. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of attributes characterizing television programs within the television program content include credits information and wherein the controller is programmed to compare credits information associated with the first television program to credits information associated with the second television program to calculate the similarity score.

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9. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of attributes characterizing television programs within the television program content include name information and wherein the controller is programmed to compare name information associated with the first television program to name information associated with the second television program to calculate the similarity score.

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10. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the controller is programmed to calculate a similarity score for each of a plurality of the television programs included in the television program content by ~comparing the first set of attributes and a further set of attributes associated with each of the plurality of television programs.

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11. (currently amended) The device of claim 10, wherein the memory stores a cutoff score and wherein the controller is programmed to compare the similarity~scores to the cutoff score and to limit the number of indications of television programs displayed on the display using the cutoff score.

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12. (currently amended) A method of identifying similar programs within a video

reception system comprising; ...

    storing first characterizing information associated with a first television program;

    receiving further characterizing information associated with each of a second set of,

television programs;

    comparing the first characterizing information and each of the further characterizing

information to determine a similarity score for each of the second set of television programs,

wherein each similarity score is calculated based on a weighted combination of attributes

associated with a corresponding one of the programs from the second set television programs;

    selecting a third set of television programs from the second set of television programs

based on the similarity scores; and

    displaying indications of the third set of television programs.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising displaying an

explanation of the similarity score for at least one of the third set of programs.

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14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein displaying the explanation further comprises the step of displaying of an attribute associated with the further characterizing information that matches an attribute associated with the first characterizing information.

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15. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein displaying the explanation further comprises displaying the explanation textually.

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17. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the attributes include category information,

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18. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the attributes include keywords and phrases,

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19. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the attributes include series information,

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20. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the attributes include group information,

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21. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the attributes include credits

information,

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the attributes include name

information. ....

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24. (currently amended) A method of displaying program similarity explanations

comprising the steps of:

receiving the program guide data including characterizing information for

each of a plurality of television programs;

storing the program guide data in a memory;

identifying a first set of television programs;

storing attribute information for the first set of television programs;

comparing the characterizing information of the first set of television

programs with attribute information for a second set television programs;

calculating a similarity score for each of the second set of television programs,

wherein each of the similarity scores is based on a weighted combination of attributes

associated with the second set of television programs that match attributes associated with the

first set of television programs; and

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displaying an indication of <u>at least one of</u> the television programs within the

second set of television programs , based on the similarity scores.

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25. (currently amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the step of displaying the

indication includes displaying an explanation of, a correlation between the first set of

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television programs and one of the television programs within the second set of television

programs,

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26. (original) The method of claim 24, wherein the first set of television programs

includes one television program.

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